

# SMF: soft x-ray spectromicroscopy facility for material research

## *-objective:*

an understanding of the **nanoscale origin** of macroscopic (electrical, magnetic and optical) properties of the matter, and the evolution of the system under **relevant conditions**

## *-scope of the proposal:*

Combination of the **scanning and full field transmission x-ray microscopes** (reaching 10nm performance) and the **photoelectron** and **photon inelastic emission** SR microscope (~5meV spectral resolution) as a tool for break thru study in complex materials, nano electronics, process of self assembly and energy storage

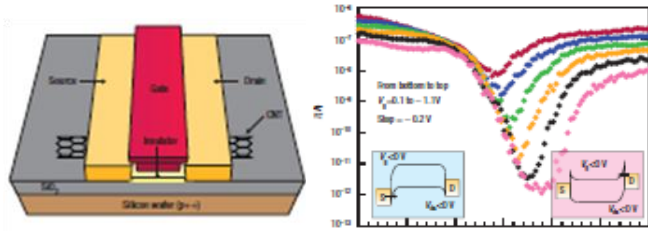
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workshop/ meeting on May 20/10

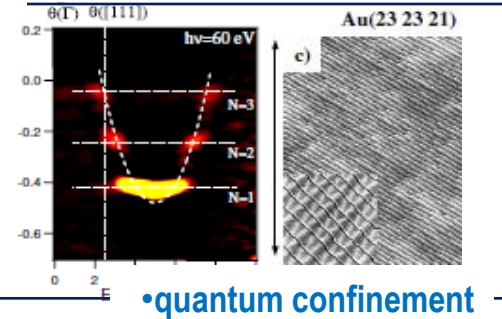
# nES: nEw Science

two branches with complimentary scientific mission:



- “at operando” condition
- role of interface formation
- inhomogeneous (polycrystalline) compounds
- distribution of electrostatic potential
- direct measurements of “electron conductivity

•novel materials and functional devices:



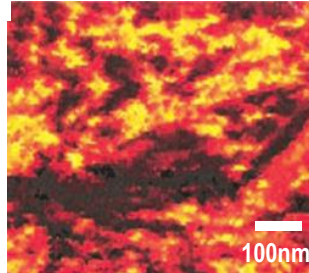
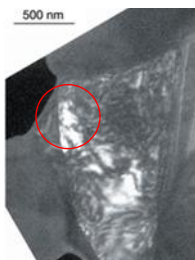
•quantum confinement

magnetic order

charge order:  
lattice reconstruction

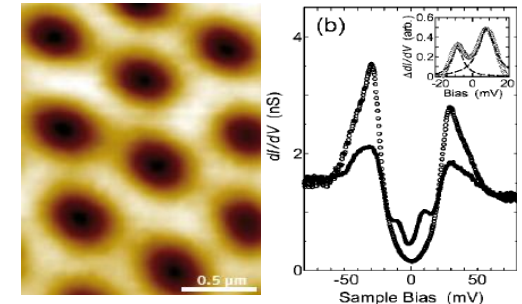
metal

insulator



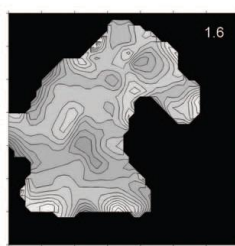
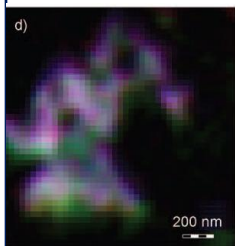
- competing crystallographic phases
- near Fermi-level electrons: correlations and interactions
- electron driven transition
- charge, spin, orbital ordering

•strong correlation materials: competing phases



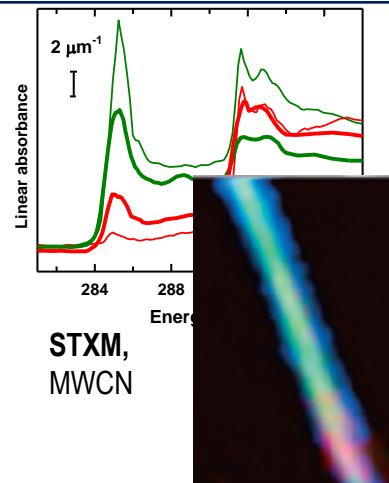
•superconductivity: vortex formation

STXM (transmission, NEXAFS)

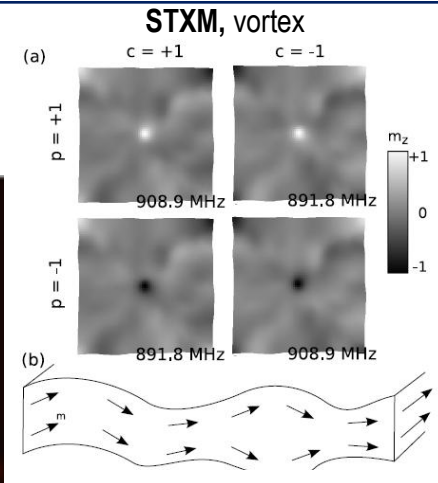


Chemical component images of the catalyst particle, showing the spatial distribution of the different iron species at 450C.

- use light polarization for observing relevant features as small as 15nm on the surface and in the bulk simultaneously
- at relevant conditions



•catalysis and the material for energy storage



•magnetic phenomena

# Experimental Technique: nano-ARPES/RIXS

## SR spectroscopy at its best

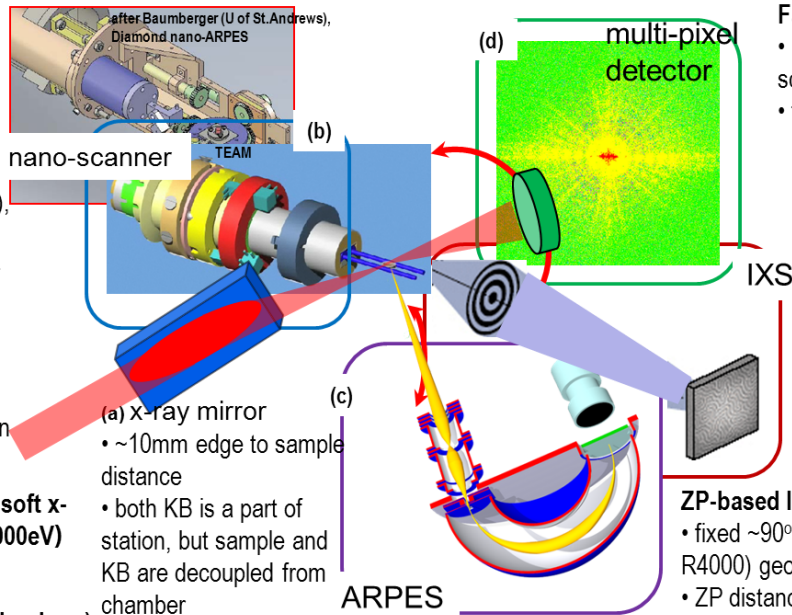
### Sample environment

- cryostat – top off-centered, sample bottom thru T bridge, sample load from the back
- cryo-stages, three angles+scanner plus along the beam translation (?warm), interferometer
- Temperature: LHeT (~25K)->600C
- UHV (<10<sup>-9</sup>torr)
- *m* shielding
- ?complimentary techniques
- ?crystal (cleavage) orientation
- preparation chamber

### high resolution soft x-ray mono (40-1000eV)

### Scienta R4000 (200mm hemi-sphere)

- ?vertical e- dispersion plane, only vertical movement
- Energy resolution: < 1.8 meV FWHM at 2 eV pass energy and 20 eV kinetic energy
- Pass energies: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 100 and 200 eV
- Transmission mode lens acceptance: +/- 19 degrees
- Angular modes: ± 3.5°, ± 7°, ± 15°
- Angular resolution < 0.1 degree from <0.1 mm sample
- Kinetic energy range: 0.5 eV – 1500 eV
- Working distance: 34 mm



### Fast (ALS) CCD

- ptychography and scattering
- frame rate 200Hz,

### ZP-based IXS spectrometer

- fixed ~90° (to fit aside from R4000) geometry
- ZP distance ~few mm to 1"

\* **spatially resolved ARPES/ RIXS** branch would aid the study of fine structure (~5meV) near Fermi edge band renormalization in nano-compounds and origin of electronic excitation in novel materials

\* **compliment each other: conductive vs. insulating; below and above  $E_f$**

\* **a gain associated with ultra high brightness of NSLSII will be further multiplied by**

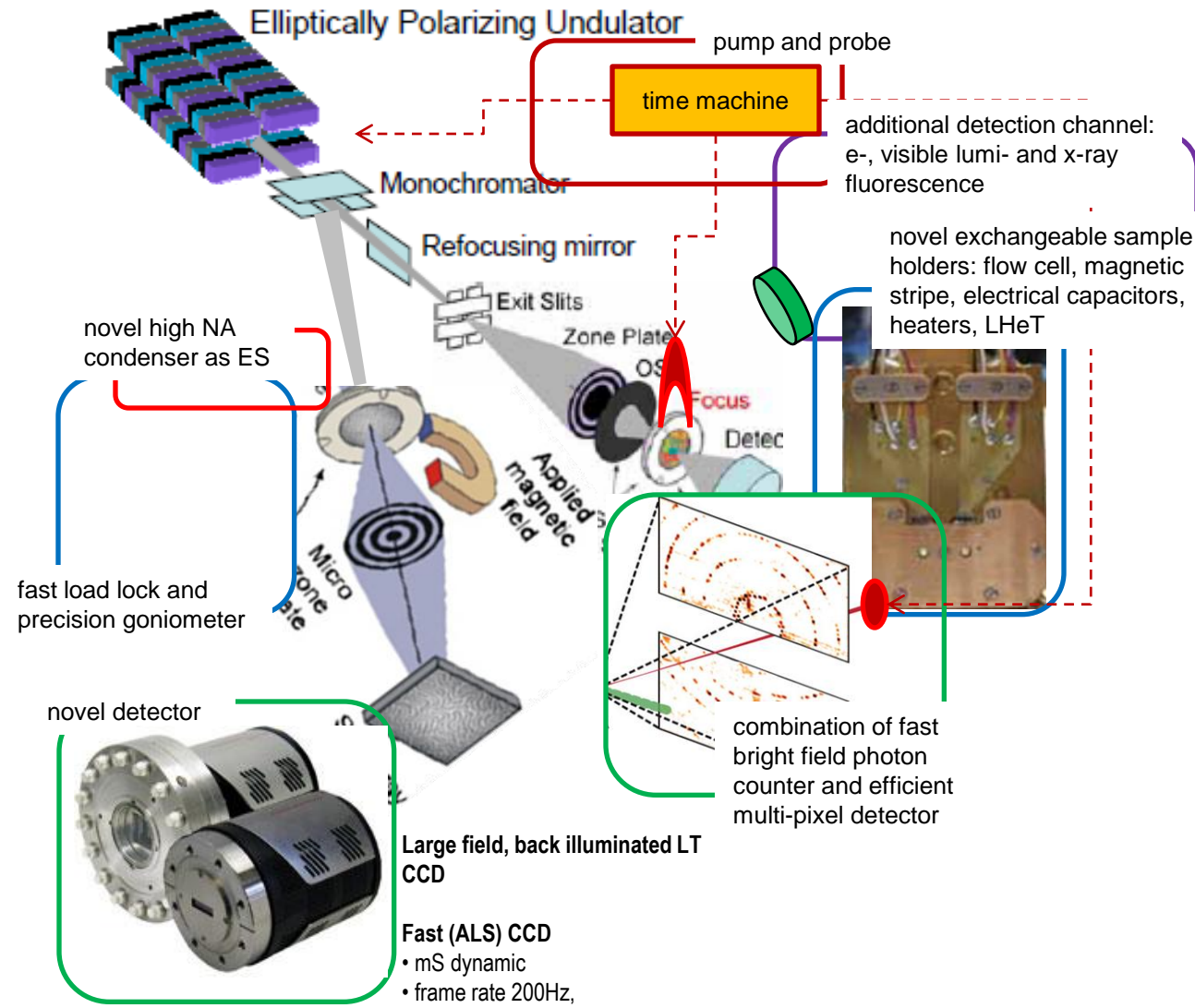
**-unprecedented luminosity of ZP-based RIXS spectrometer (NA at least 10<sup>2</sup> higher that of existed design)**

**-state of the art performance of KB pair (to reach 100nm focus at full flux)**

**-large angle coverage fast x-ray CCD detector coupled with high on sample flux (10<sup>11</sup>ph/s/bw) extend detection to ~10nm**

# Experimental Technique: TXM/ STXM

SR microscopy at its best

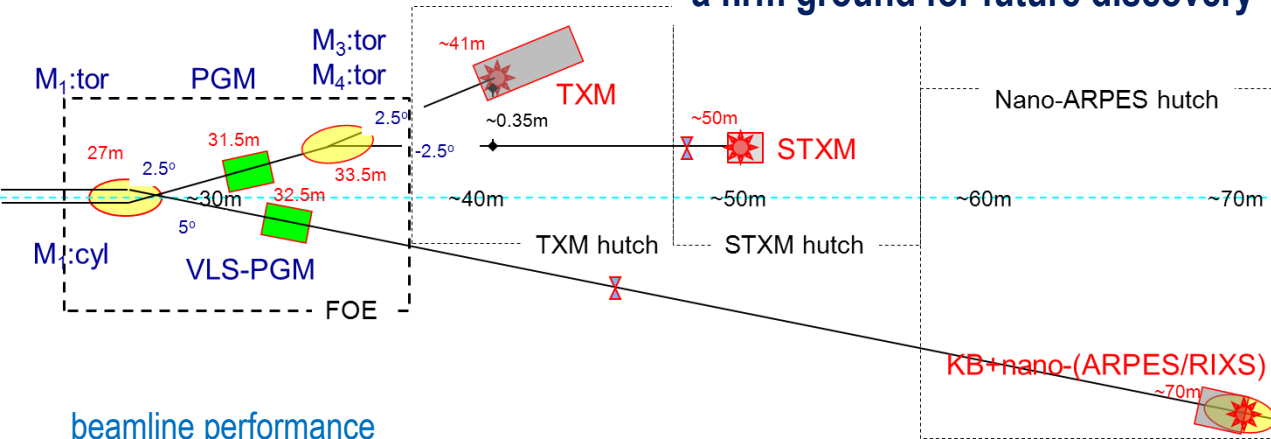


- \* High resolution (~10nm) TXM and STXM ideally suite to study time evolution of complex system at operando conditions
- \* fast acquisition TXM is ideal for large data set (such as tomography or time evolution sequence) where complimentary channels detected by STXM (e<sup>-</sup>, fluorescence) facilitate cross correlation analysis
- \* total control over x-ray polarization extends chemical speciation map to orientation of molecules or magnetic moment
- high flux provided by NSLSII ID is necessary:
- to reach ~10nm performance in TXM with real time acquisition
- to increase STXM detection limit at spatial resolution beyond ZP NA

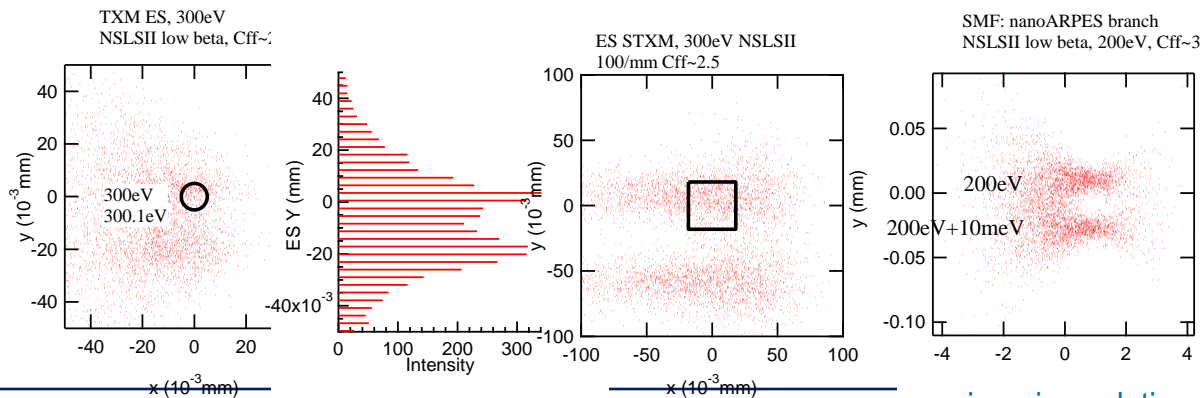


# Facility layout

a firm ground for future discovery



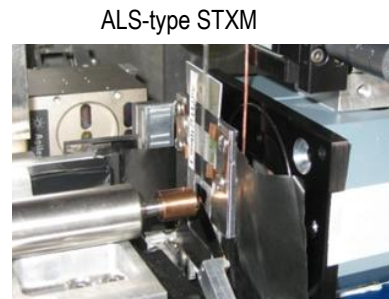
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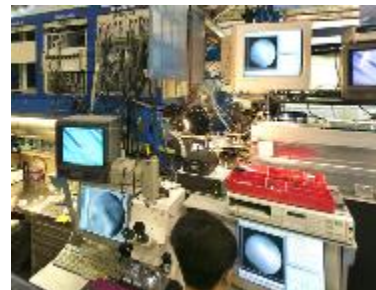
## engineering solutions



SM/ REIXS facility at ID10 CLS



ALS-type STXM



CXRO XM-1

- \* Optical design provides good layout and space sharing between TXM, STXM and ARPES/ RIXS stations
- \* Independent operation of high (spectroscopy) and moderate (imaging) resolution branches
- \* Engineering can be firmly based on a combination of existed (ALS-PGM, TXM, STXM) and novel (ZP spectrometer, TXM condenser, cryo-stages) technical solutions. Proponent group has an extended expertise and can confidently guide the project
- \* The quality of optical components is within the reach